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SUBJECT: LDP INCUMBENT WINS EHIME GUBERNATORIAL ELECTION

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1. SUMMARY: ON JANUARY 26, LDP INCUMBENT WON EASY REELECTION IN EHIME GUBERNATORIAL CONTEST. SEVERAL MORE GUBERNATORIAL ELECTIONS DURING NEXT TWO WEEKS WILL PROVIDE BETTER PICTURE OF EXTENT OF PROBLEMS LDP FACES IN APRIL UNIFIED LOCAL ELECTIONS. END SUMMARY.

2. ON JANUARY 26, LDP INCUMBENT HARUKI SHIRAISHI (63) WAS REELECTED GOVERNOR OF EHIME PREFECTURE. SHIRAISHI DEFEATED LOCAL LABOR LEADER AKIRA NOMURA, WHO WAS ENDORSED BY JSP AND JCP AND ALSO HAD KOMEITO BACKING, BY 437,980 VOTES TO 293,412. VOTER TURNOUT WAS 72.92 PERCENT, ALL-TIME LOW FOR EHIME GUBERNATORIAL ELECTION.

3. SHIRAISHI CAPITALIZED ON STRONG CONSERVATIVE TRADITION IN PREFECTURE BY STRESSING INHERENT IN OPPONENT'S COMMUNIST SUPPORT. HE ALSO BENEFITTED FROM RATHER SUBSTANTIAL PERSONAL POPULARITY, OPPOSITION DELAY IN FINDING CANDIDATE, AND UNCLASSIFIED

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KOMEITO (AND SOKA GAKKAI'S) LUKEWARM BACKING FOR NOMURA.

4. COMMENT: EHIME, FIRST IN SERIES OF LOCAL ELECTIONS
CONFRONTING LDP (REFTEL, TURNED OUT AS EXPECTED AND COULD
HARDLY BE DESCRIBED AS TREND SETTER. HOWEVER, OUTCOME OF
SEVERAL GUBERNATORIAL ELECTIONS CLUSTERED IN NEXT TWO WEEKS
SHOULD GIVE US BETTER PICTURE OF MOOD AROUND COUNTRY AND
EXTENT OF PROBLEMS LDP FACES IN APRIL LOCAL UNIFIED
ELECTIONS.
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